

**ACTS OF COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Pine Mountain sat in a regular session on the evening of Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Mayor James W. Trott, Jr. presided with Councilpersons Tamara M. Pierce, Josephine Bray, Mary R. Mullins, Warren S. Aldrich and Keith Pendergrass in attendance.

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Ms. Mullins made a motion that the Acts of Council for the January meeting(s) be approved as written.

Mrs. Bray seconded the motion.

Ms. Pierce, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Pendergrass voted in favor of the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Trott presented the financial report for January.

PINE MOUNTAIN TOURISM-Hank Arnold

Pine Mountain Tourism Association approved the \$5,000 requested from the Town for the signage project for downtown.

Taste of Pine Mountain will be held on Friday, February 19th.

Ms. Arnold presented the tracking report and the F.D.R. State Park Schedule.

WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER ON WATER TOWER-Bruce Brooks

Mr. Brooks was not in attendance.

BID AWARD WATER TANK REFURBISHING-Mayor Trott

The Town of Pine Mountain opened bids on January 21, 2016 for a contractor to refurbish the interior and exterior of the downtown water tank on McDougald Avenue. The Town received only one bid, from US Tank, Inc. of Chipley Florida. US Tanks, Inc.'s bid was for \$68,100.00. The Town's Engineering Firm has spoken with other communities that have used this company and they see no reason why the Town should not move forward with the project and select US Tanks, Inc.

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion to award the bid to US Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$68,100.00.

Ms. Mullins seconded the motion.

Ms. Pierce, Mrs. Bray and Mr. Aldrich voted in favor of the motion.

HOUSING APPLICATION DASH-Mayor Trott/Amy Grantham/Christina Vaughn-Chesterman

The DCA (Department of Community Affairs) has significantly revised their guidelines for CHIP (Community Home Investment Program) for the 2016 application cycle. Two significant changes have made consideration of application timely for Pine Mountain.

The first is significant bonus points for applications from GICH communities.

The second is additional bonus points for applications from communities who have not received CHIP funding in the last five years.

Pine Mountain qualifies in both instances. The CHIP program requires program administration by a qualified agency and work performed by CHIP approved firms. DASH for LaGrange meets or exceeds all requirements for CHIP and has a record of successful CHIP projects in LaGrange, Hogansville and West Point. The administrative fee of \$250.00 for DASH is built into the funds requested and is paid from the DCA award.

The Town is committing to a 10% cash match over the three year life of the project.

Additionally, the Town will commit in-kind match by waiving water and sewer tap fees. The number of projects will depend on the amount of the award. At presented, our request would be in the amount of \$612,000.

Ms. Mullins made a motion to approve the housing application fees in the amount of \$250.00 and concurs the project to move forward.

Mrs. Bray seconded the motion.

Mr. Pendergrass, Mr. Aldrich and Ms. Pierce voted in favor of the motion.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned.

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Town Clerk

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Mary R. Mullins, Mary R. Mullins

Keith Pendergrass, Keith Pendergrass

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